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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN DISSATISFACTION OVER ROMEO HORTON'S PERFORMANCE
AS ECOWAS FUND DIRECTOR

IN A CONVERSATION WITH NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR
ADEUGA AKEKUOYE ON MARCH 10, HE INFORMED ME
THAT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WAS VERY DISSATISFIED WITH
THE PERFORMANCE TO DATE OF HORTON. FROM THE NIGERIAN
POINT OF VIEW, HORTON IS ACTING IN THE "TRADITIONAL"
LIBERIAN MANNER, WHICH IS PUTTING PLEASURE/SHOW
BEFORE BUSINESS. ADEKUOYE SAID THAT THE NIGERIAN
GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL PAY 35 PER CENT OF ECOWAS
BILLS, DID NOT KNOW WHAT HORTON WAS DOING AND HAD
ASKED THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT IF IT KNEW. HE SAID
THE TOGOLESE RESPONSE HAD BEEN INADEQUATE AND THE
NIGERIANS HAD FELT CONSTRAINED TO SAY THAT SUCH
PLANS OF HORTON AS THEY KNEW ABOUT WITH RESPECT
TO LARGE-SCALE HIRING OF STAFF AND RENTING OF
OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS DID NOT APPEAR
TO ACCORD WITH THE NECESSITY OF SETTING UP A
VIABLE FUNCTIONING AND SMALL STAFF TO GET THE
FUND LAUNCHED. ADEKUOYE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THIS CLEAR

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TO THE TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES SO THAT THERE WOULD
BE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT WHO WAS GOING TO FOOT
WHATEVER BILLS HAD BEEN CREATED TO DATE BY HORTON
AND HIS ESSENTIALLY LIBERIAN COTERIE. HE SAID
NIGERIA DID NOT INTEND TO PAY THESE BILLS.
MOREOVER, IT WAS NIGERIA'S CONCLUSION THAT NAMING
HORTON HAD BEEN A MISTAKE. HE SAID THAT TO DATE,

HOWEVER, ECOWAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OUATTARA, WHO
HAD BEEN THE NIGERIAN CHOICE, WAS WORKING OUT WELL.
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